

COERCION IN IRELAND.

HOW IT AFFECTS THE BRITISH TAX PAYER.

But Little Prospect of Him Having a Happy New Year—Unsettled State of Affairs Over Our Tariff Laws—Marriage of Sarah Bernhardt's Son—Cable News.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Whether the British tax payer spent a merry Christmas or not, his prospect of a happy New Year depends upon so many contingencies that it must be regarded as a very doubtful one. Trade is dull; the expenses of coercion in Ireland are enormous and threaten to be still heavier, while the hope of increased exportations to America, founded upon President Cleveland's message, is based on expectations too problematical to be depended upon.

The English journals which at first were so confident in their tone, now take a less assured view of the situation, since they realize that the opinions of one man, even though he may be the chief magistrate of a great nation, are of no decisive import, and that they must await the doubtful action of congress before they can felicitate themselves upon the long hoped for free trade millennium.

There is a feeling that war upon the continent is inevitable in the spring, and a fear exists that England may be dragged into the struggle. Bismarck and his intrigues are distrusted by the British mind, and the sudden departure of Count Von Hatzfeldt, the German ambassador, for home, was immediately interpreted as indicating that Lord Salisbury had given him some assurance that England would in some manner support the tripartite alliance in the event of a war with Russia.

This would mean at least big bills to pay, and the entanglement once begun might lead to unforeseen consequences. The nation would incur the hatred of Russia and probably France, and the disturbance of trade with those countries would be a matter for serious consideration. It is stated by those who have access to the charmed circle of political intelligence that in all probability, in case of a war, England will keep in the background herself and satisfy Bismarck by giving financial aid to Turkey, which latter power would prove by no means a despicable ally. The distribution of a portion of the largess among the sultan's troops would enable him to quiet their clamor for pay, drill them and to array an army upon the Russian frontier, which would be a source of serious embarrassment to the czar.

The knowledge also of England's friendly relations with the commander of the faithful would be of immense advantage to her with the Mohammedans of India and Afghanistan, whose good will is a matter of no inconsiderable moment. During the Indian mutiny of three decades ago that country was saved to British rule by the Musselmans in the army in return for England's alliance with the sultan against the czar, during the Crimean war, and the adage that history repeats itself may thus receive another amplification.

Sarah Bernhardt's Son Married.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The civil marriage, December 19, of Maurice Bernhardt, son of Sarah Bernhardt, to the Bonaparte Princess Terka Jablonowski, was ratified by a church marriage yesterday at St. Honore d'Eylau church. About 1,000 tickets of admission had been given out, and the audience was composed of actors, noted men of letters, society swells, ladies of high degree and women of questionable repute. There were present also a number of foreigners, principally English and American.

The church was finely decorated and lighted, but was too cold for a cheerful wedding. As the procession came through the door both men and women pushed right and left to behold it. The bride and Sarah Bernhardt's uncle led the procession, and were followed by the bride's mother and Comte de Savigne, and they in turn by the bridegroom and his mother. The bride, who is a small brunette, not distinctly pretty, wore a long veil, orange blossoms and a beautiful white silk dress.

The bridegroom wore an evening dress. Sarah Bernhardt herself was attired in a gray silk trimmed with black fur. Upon emerging from the church after the congratulations were over the new couple received a hearty cheer. The bridegroom says that he met his wife a little over a month ago, and fell in love the instant he saw her. He says there will be no honeymoon trip until his mother gets ready to travel through Europe, when they will accompany her.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—It is stated on reliable authority that a spy named Haupt, who was sent by the German police to Geneva to incite the Swiss Anarchists, whose confidence he enjoyed, and for whose betrayal he received large sums of money, has been arrested at Zurich with compromising papers on his person, which he succeeded in destroying.

THE LAST LETTERS OF AUGUST SPIES.

One of Them is Written to His Mother and the Other to His Proxy Wife.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The Atlanta to-day prints these letters written by Anarchist spies just before he was hanged:

"November 11, 1887.
"BELOVED MOTHER AND GRETTCHEN—Only one single favor have I to ask of you—be quiet and composed, for it renders me far easier to believe that you will not give our murderers an opportunity to see evidence of weakness on our part. Be firm. Last night I received the last greetings from Ferdinand, Christian and Henry. My things—books, wearing apparel, etc., you will get later; Mr. Fols will turn them over to you. The books, as belonging to the family, may be distributed between my brothers and sisters. A few of the books belong to Nina. If Nina desires one of the others as a memento allow her to make her own selection. And now, farewell. Do not permit grief to overcome you. Remember that it is easy to die for the cause of humanity; not to every one is given this distinction. Farewell, my loved ones."
"AUGUST."

The last letter to his proxy wife was as follows:

"NOVEMBER 11, 1887, A. M.
"MY BELOVED WIFE—It has come. Be strong; show no weakness. It is no great task for me to die for the cause of humanity. Bear up bravely, and live to see your husband, not avenged, but his foul murder understood and lamented by those blind and ignorant masses for whose sake he died. Live to see the cause of humanity and progress triumph over the usurpations and plottings against the people. My last thoughts are of you, my love; my last wishes for you. Farewell. AUGUST."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Topics of the Times Given in a terse and spicy manner.

Julian Hawthorne is reported to get \$1,000 a piece for editing Inspector Byrnes' detective stories.

It is feared that Senator Joseph Blackburn, of Kentucky, is dangerously ill of cancer in the stomach.

United States court at San Francisco has decided that the Chinese have the legal right to import opium.

Harlem Democratic club gave a dinner to the Democracy at New York last night. First shot of the presidential canvass.

At St. Francis, Ark., William Herrig, a rich planter, fatally shot William Matthews for paying attention to his wife, and then killed his wife.

At Dennison, O., an engine and ten cars ran off an open Pan-Handle switch and made a bonfire of themselves. Fireman C. E. Evans was killed.

At Terre Haute, Ind., Col. R. W. Thompson, ex-secretary of the navy, has added a 600 page book on the tariff to this season's sensational literature.

At Clearwater, Minn., Willie Baxter, aged twelve, died of diphtheria, apparently, on Tuesday, was put in his coffin, arose the next day, played for a while and fell dead in earnest.

A landslide near Epps, Ala., wrecked an Alabama Great Southern train, injuring sixteen passengers. A freight train of eighteen cars was also ditched by the slide and the cars demolished.

The German department of justice has commissioned Judge Aschrott to study and report upon the American penal system, with the view of making it the basis of a new system in Germany.

The funeral of Governor Marmaduke, of Missouri, will take place at the governor's mansion, Jefferson City, at 2:30 p. m., next Saturday. The pallbearers will be five ex-governors of the state.

Miss Ella Russel, a Cleveland girl, scored a triumph in the opera of La Traviata at Warsaw, Poland. She was presented with a golden laurel crown engraved with the names of the officers of the Imperial guard.

The wife of Congressman E. B. Taylor, of Ohio, a bride of only a few weeks, was stricken down yesterday on the street in Washington, and died soon afterward in the hospital. Her husband knew nothing of her death until he saw it in a newspaper.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Warmer, fair weather, followed by snow, fresh to brisk southeasterly winds, increasing in force.

Fighting in a Cell.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 31.—Two prisoners confined in jail here, named Michael Casey and William King, weighing about 170 pounds each, got into a dispute on Tuesday and decided to settle their difficulty by fighting. Men were selected to act as seconds, and they and the principals were locked in a cell with some of the other prisoners. They decided to fight according to the rules of the London prize ring, and taking off all unnecessary clothing, went to work. There was no noise connected with the affair, and the men fought desperately for three hours without being disturbed, when Casey was knocked over a bucket containing water used in sponging the men, and as they were both badly punished, the seconds and referee decided at this point to call the fight a draw. The matter was only made public to-day and there is great indignation among the citizens that such a desperate mill should be allowed under the prison walls.

Pacific Railway Commission Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The World this morning publishes what it claims to be a synopsis of the reports submitted to the president by the Pacific railway commission. Commissioners Anderson and Little recommend that the time for the payment of the debt due the government be extended to fifty years, the roads to give the government a mortgage covering all of their property; that the debt shall be funded at 3 per cent. per annum; that the president shall appoint one trustee, and the roads another, who shall have control of the finances; that the attorney general be empowered to bring any suit which may be deemed necessary. Commissioner Patterson's minority report recommends that the charters of both roads be forfeited and a receiver appointed, who shall have power to institute both civil and criminal suits against those who have defrauded the government and the roads.

Fixing Freight Rates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The freight committee of the trunk lines to whom was referred the subdivision of rates west of Chicago, have decided to ratify the schedule tariff adopted at the joint sub-committee conference December 20. It is left to the discretion of the various western roads, however, to agree on a division that will not effect a change in the public carrying rates. To afford time for this purpose the date for the schedule to take effect was made January 9 instead of January 2, as had been before agreed on. A special tariff on iron of twenty-five cents per 100 pounds on car loads and thirty cents per 100 pounds in smaller lots, was adopted in view of complaints by iron men of unjust classification.

Two Years in the Penitentiary for Larceny.

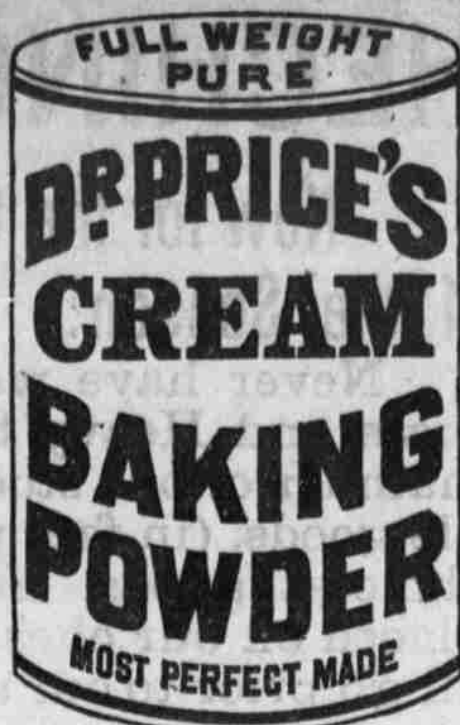
ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 31.—Frank Weeks was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary yesterday by Judge Moss upon a charge of petit larceny. The prisoner is only seventeen years of age, but has been in a number of ugly scrapes. At the last term of the circuit court he was convicted of perjury, but on account of his age judgment was withheld. In less than a week he broke into a number of houses on Smoky Row, taking a shotgun at one place and a lady's gold necklace at another.

Sitting Bull Will Stay at Home.

PIERRE, Dak., Dec. 31.—The report that Sitting Bull would go to Washington to labor against the passage of the Dawes bill, opening the Sioux reservation, is false. Running Elk, the trusty aid of Sitting Bull, who was in the city yesterday, says that Sitting Bull and most of his people favor a reduction of reservations. While some chiefs may visit the capital this winter, it will not be to oppose the bill, but to look after other matters.

The Fishery Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—It is now believed that the fisheries conference will agree as soon as they resemble to submit to arbitrators the questions of whether or not our vessels shall have equal privileges with those of Canada at our ports, and whether or not the three mile limit shall follow shore indentations. It is believed that an arbitration committee would decide in favor of the United States on both these points.



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